Budget outlay for 1999-2000 for setting up of New Zones is for Rs. 722 lakhs, with break up for each zone as under:

(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees)

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| North Central Railway, Allahabad | 80 |
| East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar | 60 |
| East Central Railway, Hajipur | 80 |
| West Central Railway, Jabalpur | 60 |
| South Western Railway, Bangalore | 80 |
| North Western Railway, Jaipur | 62 |
| Bilaspur Zone, Bilaspur | 300 |

**Expenditure incurred in Durgapur Unit of H.F.C.**

*289. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2181, given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 1998 and state:

(a) the expenditure, including the cost of preservation, incurred so far on Durgapur Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (H.F.C.), after discontinuance of production;

(b) what is Government's plan to re-start the operations;

(c) whether chemical plants of this nature can be kept under suspended animation indefinitely, till a final decision on revival is taken; and

(d) if not, Government's exact plan regarding Durgapur Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 77.83 crores has been incurred so far as standing charges including cost of preservation (salary/wages, power & fuel, etc.) on the Durgapur plant since its shutdown in June, '97.

(b) to (d) Durgapur plant has been kept under preservation as its sustained and viable operations are not feasible unless a complete revamp of the plant is undertaken which is hampered by budgetary constraints and high cost of production. Hence, it will be possible to

consider the resumption of production of Durgapur unit only in terms of the decision of the Government on the revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. which has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

A chemical plant of this nature can be kept under preservation for reasonably long periods depending on local climatic conditions and other relevant factors provided proper procedure of preservation is adhered to and periodic inspections are carried out so as to assess the health of the plant.

**Sports Institutes in Assam**

*290. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of existing institutes under SAI's sports promotion schemes in Assam, including details of activities, facilities extended and the number of youth trained, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) the details of SAI adopted schools under Special Games Schemes an SAI training centres proposed to be taken up in Assam during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the facilities made available to the North-Eastern students for specialised training in institutes outside the region, including allocation and State-wise quotas, if any?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Under the Sports Authority of India's Sports Promotional Schemes in Assam, two Training Centres are functional at Guwahati and Golaghat respectively.

Sports Promotional activities for Sub-junior trainees are carried out under the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) at SAI adopted schools, namely Don Bosco High School at Guwahati, Sainik School at Golpara and Government Bazbaruch School at Golaghat. While in house training is imparted at SAI Training Centres (which are residential), training in adopted Schools is extended to selected trainees including hostelers and dayboarders.



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